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Representative Cook Seeks Federal Support to Finish Critical 1-10 Widening Project

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STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook, Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, today appealed to the federal government to approve funding that would enable Arizona to move forward with the long-planned Interstate 10 widening project.

In a letter sent to U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Chairman Cook seeks to secure the federal department’s approval of a \$360 million Mega grant application that would improve traffic safety and relieve severe congestion for the key commerce transportation corridor between Casa Grande and Chandler south of Phoenix.

“The state of Arizona has invested a total of \$630 million into this project to date. The Mega grant is the missing piece that will finally complete this essential artery and bring relief to thousands of residents throughout Arizona and the country,” writes Cook.

A copy of Chairman Cook’s letter is attached.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. He also serves as Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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To: The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Buttigieg,

I am reaching out to you regarding the \$360 million Mega grant application for Interstate 10 in Arizona. I believe and hope that this money is still available for our state.

Interstate 10 is a federal interstate traveling through an underserved area of Arizona, more specifically the Gila River Indian Community. Over 110,000 vehicles a day travel this highway providing essential commercial and freight traffic to the rest of Arizona, the nation, and to Mexico. This funding is vital to improve an interstate that has become dangerous and disruptive to the daily lives of Arizona residents and travelers especially from Tucson to Phoenix.

The state of Arizona has invested a total of \$630 million into this project as of to date. The Mega grant is the missing piece that will finally complete this essential artery and bring relief to thousands of residents throughout Arizona and the country.

I am asking you to help the underserved community by securing this grant money in an area that is in desperate need.

Please respond as soon possible to my assistant, Caitlin Tillis.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Cook".

Representative David Cook
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